

1780. also recommended by the Supreme Executive Council of the State, as a measure of public benefit, to pass an act of indemnity and general pardon for the said offences :

All persons concerned in the tumult pardoned.

III. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted,* That all and every the person and persons, party and parties, engaged in the said tumult and breach of the peace, or who stand charged therewith, or with any offence arising therefrom, which is punishable by the laws of this commonwealth, by whatsoever name or names they are called or known, be and shall, and they are hereby, pardoned, released, indemnified and discharged, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

The pardon to be construed beneficially as to persons charged.

IV. *Be it also enacted,* That this free pardon, indemnity and oblivion, by the general words, clauses and sentences, before recited, shall be reputed, deemed, adjudged and expounded, in all courts and elsewhere, most beneficial and available to all and singular the subjects, persons and parties before mentioned, and to every of them, without any ambiguity, question or delay, to be made, pleaded or objected by this commonwealth, the Attorney-General thereof, or any person or persons acting under the authority thereof in their behalf. And also that this act shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be a public act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices and other persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

Public act.

Passed 13th March, 1780.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 362.

CHAPTER DCCCLXXXIII.

An ACT for incorporating the American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting useful knowledge. (d)

Passed 15th March, 1780.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 363.

(d) For other acts respecting this institution, see chap. 968, 1136, 1202.

CHAPTER DCCCLXXXIV.

An ACT to cure a defect in an act of Assembly, entitled An Act to confirm the estates and interests of the College, Academy and Charitable School of the city of Philadelphia, and to alter and amend the charters thereof, conformably to the revolution and the constitution of this commonwealth, and to erect the same into an University; and also an error in the date of another Act of Assembly, entitled A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this commonwealth; and for more effectually discovering the same; and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon.

WHEREAS in an act of Assembly, passed on the twenty-seventh day of November last, entitled, *An Act to confirm the estates*

and interests of the College, Academy and Charitable School of the city of Philadelphia, and to amend and alter the charters thereof, conformably to the revolution and the constitution of this commonwealth, and to erect the same into an University,* the word College was, through mistake, inserted in the sixteenth section thereof, instead of the word University, by reason whereof the authority intended to be vested in two Justices of the Peace by said act to proceed, in a summary way, against persons refusing to deliver up to the Trustees of the said University, upon demand, the library, apparatus, mortgages, specialties, deeds or instruments, or other papers or books of record, or real estate of the said University, in custody or possession of such persons so refusing, may be disputed, and prove insufficient for the purposes designed by the Legislature: For remedy whereof,

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[* Ante. chap. 860, pa. 474.]

II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted,* That the said act shall be construed and taken for the benefit and relief of the Trustees of the said University, as fully as if the said University was named in the said sixteenth paragraph, in the stead and place of the word College, and the said Justices shall proceed accordingly.

The word College to be construed University.

III. And whereas an error in form hath been discovered in the date of an act of Assembly, entitled *A Supplement to an act entitled An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in the commonwealth; and for more effectually discovering the same; and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereon*, by writing the word April at the foot of the record of the said act, instead of the word March, which, by the minutes of the General Assembly, recourse being thereunto had, appears to be the month wherein the said law was enacted; and advantage may perhaps be taken, from the error last mentioned, to weaken or elude the operation of the last recited act: For remedy whereof,

IV. *Be it further enacted,* That the last recited act shall have the same and equal effect and operation, as if the word March had been written at the foot of the said record, in the place where the word April has been erroneously written as aforesaid; and that all sales, transfers, leases, acts and proceedings whatsoever, had, made, suffered or done, under the said act of Assembly, shall be deemed as valuable and effectual in the law, to all intents and purposes, as if the said error or mistake had not been made.

The word March to have like effect as April. [Ante. chap. 821, pa. 467.]

Passed 16th March, 1780.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 365.

CHAPTER DCCCLXXXVI.

An ACT to render the revenue arising from the excise on wine and spirits, and on licences to be granted to public houses, effective, and equal to the public necessities.

SECTION VIII. And whereas the great profits and advantages of late gained by the keepers of inns, taverns, ale-houses, and retailers of wine, rum and other spirits, will easily admit that the